

# MINUTES OF



## RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2013 6:00 p.m.

*In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, persons requesting notification, and was posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.*

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### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair	Kelvin E. Washington, Sr.
Vice Chair	L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.
Member	Joyce Dickerson
Member	Julie-Ann Dixon
Member	Norman Jackson
Member	Damon Jeter
Member	Bill Malinowski
Member	Jim Manning
Member	Paul Livingston
Member	Seth Rose
Member	Torrey Rush

**OTHERS PRESENT** – Tony McDonald, Sparty Hammett, Roxanne Ancheta, Brad Farrar, Justine Jones, Stephany Snowden, Amelia Linder, Daniel Driggers, Sara Salley, Rodolfo Callwood, Nelson Lindsay, Valeria Jackson, Geo Price, Tommy DeLage, Tracy Hegler, Holland Leger, Chanda Cooper, Charlie Fisher, Yanisse Adrian-Silva, Elizabeth McLean, Tiaa Rutherford, LaToya Grate, Dale Welch, Buddy Atkins, Monique Walters, Michelle Onley

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:10 p.m.

### INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Norman Jackson

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Norman Jackson

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

**American Red Cross Proclamation** – Mr. Livingston and Ms. Dickerson presented a proclamation to Ms. Snowden.

**Proclamation Honoring Ms. Vikki Pasco as the SC Assoc. of Conservation Districts Teacher of the Year** – Ms. Dixon presented a proclamation honoring Ms. Vikki Pasco as SC Association of Conservation Districts Teacher of the Year.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Regular Session: March 5, 2013** – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to adopt the agenda as published. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS**

Mr. Farrar stated that the following were potential Executive Session Items:

- a. **Singley vs. Norfolk Southern**
- b. **Penny Sales Tax Litigation Update**
- c. **Election Challenge/Personnel**
- d. **Columbia Venture**

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**Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:22 p.m. and came out at approximately 7:02 p.m.**  
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- a. **Singley vs. Norfolk Southern** – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to proceed as directed in Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. **Penny Sales Tax Litigation Update** – No action was taken.
- c. **Election Challenge/Personnel** – No action was taken.

- d. **Columbia Venture** – No action was taken.

#### **CITIZENS' INPUT**

No one signed up to speak.

#### **REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**Planning Department's Recognition—Recipient of the National Association of County Planners Award of Merit in the Grass Roots Initiative Category** – Mr. McDonald recognized the Planning Department as the recipient of the National Association of County Planners Award of Merit in the Grass Roots Initiative Category.

**Local Government Fund Status** – Mr. McDonald updated Council on the funding amounts and proposed provisos.

**Health Insurance Update** – Mr. McDonald stated that a RFP to new vendors will be forthcoming for the new plan year beginning October 2013.

#### **REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL**

**Township Board Luncheon, March 26, 12:00-1:00 p.m., Township Auditorium** – Ms. Onley stated that the Township Board will be holding a luncheon for Council members on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 p.m. at the Township Auditorium.

#### **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

No report was given.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

**Columbia City Ballet, William Starrett** – Mr. Starrett, Executive and Artistic Director, gave a brief update on the Columbia City Ballet and thanked Council for their continued support.

**Turning Leaf Project, Amy Barch and Willette Brown** – Ms. Barch and Ms. Brown gave a brief update on the Turning Leaf Project. Ms. Barch will appear on Richland Radio on April 19<sup>th</sup> in honor of National Crime Victims' Week.

**Widows of Opportunity** – Ms. Kim Richardson outlined the Widows of Opportunity program and was encouraged to follow up with the County's PIO Department and community churches.

#### **OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 21, Roads, Highways and Bridges; Section 21-21, Transportation Improvement**

Program; so as to include funds for resurfacing of existing paved roads – No one signed up to speak.

- An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6, Buildings and Building Regulations; Article II, Administration; Division 2, Building Codes and Inspections Director; Section 6-31, Powers and Duties; Subsection (e), Determination of Alternate Materials and Alternate Methods of Construction; and Subsection (f), Reports so as to properly reference the Building Codes Board of Appeals rather than the “Building Codes Board of Adjustment” – No one signed up to speak.

#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEM

- An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 21, Roads, Highways and Bridges; Section 21-21, Transportation Improvement Program; so as to include funds for resurfacing of existing paved roads [THIRD READING]
- A General Bond Ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of Hospitality Tax Revenue Bonds of Richland County, South Carolina; prescribing the form of bonds; providing for the payment of the bonds from the sources provided herein; creating certain funds and providing for payments into such funds; and other matters relating thereto [THIRD READING]
- A First Supplemental Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of Richland County, South Carolina, Hospitality Tax Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2013, or such other appropriate series designation, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$22,750,000; delegating authority to the County Administrator to determine certain matters with respect to the bonds; prescribing the form and details of such bonds; and other matters relating thereto [THIRD READING]
- An Ordinance Authorizing the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$6,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Taxable Series 2013A, or such other appropriate series designation, of Richland County, South Carolina; fixing the form and details of the bonds; delegating to the County Administrator certain authority related to the bonds; providing for the payment of the bonds and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto [THIRD READING]
- An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6, Buildings and Building Regulations; Article II, Administration; Division 2, Building Codes and Inspections Director; Section 6-31, Power and Duties; Subsection (E), Determination of Alternate Materials and Alternate Methods of Construction; and Subsection (F), Reports; so as to properly reference the Building Codes Board of Appeals rather than the “Building Codes Board of Adjustment” [SECOND READING]

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve the consent item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

## **REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Kaiserslautern, Germany Delegation Visit, April 6-9** – Mr. Livingston briefly outlined the draft agenda for the German Delegation visit in April.

## **REPORT OF THE RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

### **I. NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS**

- a. **Accommodations Tax Committee—2** – Mr. Malinowski stated that the committee recommended re-advertising for these vacancies. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- b. **Airport Commission—1** – This item was held in committee.
- c. **Board of Assessment Appeals—1** – This item was held in committee.
- d. **Board of Zoning Appeals—2** – This item was held in committee.
- e. **Business Service Center Appeals Board—2** – This item was held in committee.
- f. **Central Midlands Council of Governments—1** – This item was held in committee.
- g. **Employee Grievance Committee—2** – This item was held in committee.
- h. **Hospitality Tax Committee—3** – This item was held in committee.
- i. **Internal Audit Committee—1** – This item was held in committee.
- j. **Planning Commission—2** – This item was held in committee.

### **II. DISCUSSION FROM RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

- a. **Community Relations—3** – This item was held in committee.

## **OTHER ITEMS**

**Report of the Decker Center Ad Hoc Committee** – Mr. Manning stated that the committee recommended to present current status for approval of funding package for the shortfall. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Council Work Session: 2013 Council Retreat-Transportation Penny Items** – Mr. Washington stated that all of the items were to be forwarded to the March 26<sup>th</sup> work session.

**Report of the Dirt Road Committee** – Ms. Dixon stated that the committee deferred all of the items on the agenda until the next meeting of the Dirt Road Committee.

**Election Commission Funding Request: Richland School District One Special Election** – Mr. Washington referred this item to the March A&F Committee meeting.

#### **CITIZEN'S INPUT**

No one signed up to speak.

#### **MOTION PERIOD**

**A Resolution honoring Lower Richland Girls Basketball AAA State Champions and Coach Debbie Stroman as seven time State Champion Coach [JACKSON and WASHINGTON]** – This item was referred to the D&S Committee.

**A Resolution honoring Keenan Girls Basketball AA State Champions [RUSH]** – This item was referred to the D&S Committee.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55 p.m.

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